

CHAPTER 2

MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL

The success of the school health program depends on the cooperative efforts of all **healthcare** delivery components; i.e., home, school, **MTFs**, and community. Program emphasis is on health education, health services, and maintenance of a healthful school environment.

B. DoDDS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. School officials shall refer ill or injured children requiring emergency treatment to the supporting MTF. School officials may request ambulance transportation for a student to the supporting MTF.

2. When required as part of the individualized education program for a handicapped student, physical and occupational therapy should be provided at the child's school. If space is not available at the school, then physical and occupational therapy services should be provided at a location that best serves the child's needs, as determined by the principal, the installation commander, the parents, and the medical authority. The military medical facility will furnish the necessary transportation of the child between the school and the site of the therapy.

C. PARENT'S, GUARDIAN'S, OR SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Parents, guardians, or sponsors of children entering school for the first time (kindergarten or first grade) shall be requested to make an appointment before the first day in school for their child's complete health appraisal by the MTF responsible for primary medical care. Parents, guardians, or sponsors shall maintain student immunizations in accordance with DoD Instruction 6205.1 (reference (j)). Parents, guardians, or sponsors must secure the necessary medical certification on DS Form 122, "DoDDS Certification of Immunization," within 10 working days of enrolling their students. Failure to present certification may result in the **disenrollment** of the child until the certification is provided. All schools shall comply with the total immunization program. Immunization shall be a condition of attendance in the DoDDS system.

2. When a student is registered in school, parents, guardians, or sponsors shall be asked to report any known condition that requires, or may require, special medical or educational consideration. That information shall be recorded in the student's health or educational record.

3. School health services (i.e., immunizations and sports physicals) are identical for all students, including those who pay tuition. Adjunct services that provide definitive medical care to an individual outside the school environment can only be given, at U.S. Government expense, to those eligible for such care. Parents, guardians, or sponsors, who are not authorized DoD medical care, must make other arrangements for their children. When emergency care is needed to prevent loss of life or limb, and to prevent undue suffering, medical care shall be provided. The MTF providing the emergency treatment shall bill the **non-DoD** parent, guardian, or sponsor for that service after the fact.

D. SUPPORTING MILITARY INSTALLATION'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Supporting Military Department installation medical officers shall support school health programs, in accordance with applicable Military Service Departmental regulations. The local MTF shall provide diagnoses, medical treatment, **followup** and necessary needs described in this Manual for eligible students. Each Exceptional Family Member Program Clinic must evaluate **all** students referred from the DoDDS Case Study Committee under special education eligibility and medically related health determinations. The local facility shall provide necessary emergency care, medical supplies sufficient to meet the student needs described in this Manual and all medically related services required for a DoDDS student to benefit from a special education program.

2. Other Agencies, such as the Army Community Service, the Child Advocacy Board, the American Red Cross, the **community** drug and alcohol programs, and the community health nurse are available to serve as resources in support of the school health program.

3. Each Exceptional Family Member Program Clinic, or designated MTF, must evaluate students referred from the DoDDS Case Study Committee pursuant to special education eligibility and medically related service determinations and provide all medically related services required to benefit from a special education program.

E. INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

1. Physical Examinations. Each student wishing to participate in an interscholastic sport must present to school officials a valid physical examination form signed by a **healthcare** provider, stating that the candidate is medically qualified to participate in the designated sport(s). Local installation commanders, supporting medical personnel, and school personnel may arrange, on an ad hoc basis, for organized group examinations to be conducted in the schools, the community centers, or the MTFs. **Non-DoD** dependent students who arrange for physical examinations with their own private physicians as opposed to participation in group examinations through the MTFs are responsible for payment of associated fees. Arrangements for reimbursing for individual student costs incurred, if any, shall be part of the terms agreed to during negotiation.

2. Athletic Contests. The host school shall arrange with the local MTF for adequate medical support, as determined by the senior medical officer, for interscholastic athletic contests when requested by school officials. The local MTF shall provide emergency medical service during contact sports. If emergency medical support cannot be provided for contact sports, the games shall be canceled.